

Attorney Docket No. 82274.472023
Customer No. 24347

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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REMARKS

Applicant has considered the Office Action mailed July 29, 2004. Claims 49-74 were pending in this Application. The Examiner rejected Claims 49 and 51-73, withdrew Claim 74 from consideration, and allowed Claim 50.

In response, Applicant has cancelled Claims 49 and 51-73, and withdrew Claim 74 as required by the Examiner. Allowed Claim 50 remains pending in the Application.

In light of the above amendments, this Application is in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of this Application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance, and Applicant earnestly seeks such allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this Application, please contact Applicant's attorney at 214.979.3027. Applicant, through its attorney, stands ready to conduct a telephone interview with the Examiner to review this Application if the Examiner believes that such an interview would assist in the advancement of this Application.

To the extent that any further fees are required during the pendency of this Application, including petition fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 of Hunton & Williams (Dallas) and reference Attorney Docket No. 82274.472023. In the event that any additional time is needed for this filing, or any additional time in excess of that requested in a petition for an extension of time, please consider this a petition for an extension of time for any needed extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 or any other section or provision of Title 37. Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner grant any such petition and authorize the Commissioner to charge the Deposit Account referenced above. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2004.

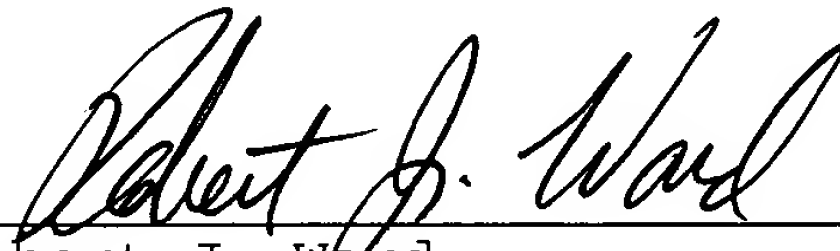
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Please direct all correspondence to the practitioner listed
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Ward", is written over a horizontal line.

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